

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5                   1.     A method for providing information to occupants of a mobile platform, said method comprising:

                  presenting a moving map that includes a plurality of information icons to at least one occupant of the mobile platform, via at least one passenger display;

                  associating each information icon with at least one of a plurality of  
10   information modules; and

                  presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant.

                  2.     The method of Claim 1, wherein associating each information icon comprises:

15                   electronically storing each information module in a database; and

                  electronically linking each information icon to the associated information module stored in the database.

                  3.     The method of Claim 2, wherein presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant  
20   comprises visually presenting the information module on the passenger display when the occupant selects the information icon using a passenger interface.

                  4.     The method of Claim 3, wherein visually presenting the information module comprises presenting the information module in text form on the passenger display.

25                   5.     The method of Claim 3, wherein visually presenting the information module comprises presenting the information module in pictorial form on the passenger display.

- 5                   6.       The method of Claim 2, wherein presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant comprises audibly presenting the information module to the occupant via an audio device when the occupant selects the information icon using a passenger interface.
- 10                   7.       The method of Claim 1, wherein associating each information icon comprises;
- incorporating the information modules into at least one information manual; and
- identifying each information module within the information manual with an identifier that corresponds to the associated information icon.
- 15                   8.       The method of Claim 7, wherein presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant comprises providing the occupant access to the information manual, wherein the occupant can locate the information module that relates to the selected information icon within the information manual using the corresponding identifier.

5                    9.     A system for providing information to occupants of a mobile platform, said system comprising:

                    at least one passenger display adapted to present a moving map that includes a plurality of information icons to at least one occupant of the mobile platform,

10                   at least one storage device for storing at least one information module associated with at least one of the information icons; and

                    a means for presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant.

15                   10.    The system of Claim 9, wherein the storage device comprises a database having the information modules electronically stored therein, wherein each information module is electronically linked to at least one associated information icon.

                    11.    The system of Claim 10, wherein the system further comprises a passenger interface device associated with each passenger display.

20                   12.    The system of Claim 11, wherein the means for presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant comprises the passenger display, whereby the information module is visually presented to the occupant when the occupant selects the information icons using the passenger interface.

25                   13     The system of Claim 11, wherein the means for presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant comprises an audio device adapted to audibly present to the occupant the information module associated with the information icon selected by the occupant using the passenger interface.

5                    14.    The system of Claim 9, wherein the storage device comprises at least one information manual having the information modules textually stored therein, wherein each information module is visually linked to at least one associated information icon via a corresponding identifier included in the information manual.

10                   15.    The system of Claim 14, wherein the means for presenting to the occupant the information module associated with an information icon selected by the occupant comprises the information manual wherein the occupant uses the corresponding identifier to locate within the information manual the information module that relates to the selected information icon.

- 5                    16. A method for providing information to an occupant of a mobile platform, comprising:
- displaying a moving map to the occupant;
- presenting at least one information icon on the moving map associated with at least one point of interest within a geographic region being displayed by the
- 10    moving map;
- associating the information icon with predetermined information; and
- presenting the predetermined information on the moving map when the occupant selects the information icon.
- 15                    17. The method of Claim 16, wherein presenting the predetermined information comprises presenting the predetermined information in text form in a dialog box on the moving map.
18. The method of Claim 16, wherein presenting the predetermined information comprises presenting the predetermined information in graphical form on the moving map.

5                   19. A method for providing information to an occupant of a mobile platform, comprising:

                  displaying a moving map to the occupant;

                  presenting at least one information icon on the moving map associated with at least one point of interest within a geographic region being displayed by the  
10   moving map;

                  associating the information icon with predetermined information;

                  providing the predetermined information in a independent, printed information manual located in a vicinity of the occupant; and

                  indicating on the moving map where the predetermined information  
15   can be obtained in the independent, printed information manual.

                  20.    The method of Claim 19, wherein indicating on the moving map comprises displaying an identifier on the moving map that indicates where the predetermined information can be obtained in the independent, printed information manual.

20                   21.    The method of Claim 19, wherein indicating on the moving map comprises displaying instructions on the moving map as to where the predetermined information can be obtained in the independent, printed information manual, when the occupant selects the information icon.

5                   22. A method for providing information to an occupant of a mobile platform, comprising

                  displaying a moving map to the occupant corresponding to a path of travel of the mobile platform as the mobile platform traverses a geographic region;

10                   displaying a plurality of information icons on the moving map at various points corresponding to the path of travel, the information icons corresponding to pertinent information about a plurality of points of interest along the path of travel; and

                  providing predetermined information to the occupant corresponding to  
15 the points of interest utilizing the information icons.

                  23. The method of Claim 22, wherein providing predetermined information comprises visually presenting the predetermined information to the occupant on a display displaying the moving map when the occupant selects a given one of the information icons.

20                   24. The method of claim 23, wherein visually presenting comprises at least one of:

                  textually providing the predetermined information in a pop-up dialog box on the display displaying the moving map; and

                  pictorially providing the predetermined information on the display  
25 displaying the moving map.

                  25 The method of Claim 22, wherein providing predetermined information comprises audibly presenting the predetermined information to the occupant via an audio device when the occupant selects a given one of information icons.

5                    26. The method of Claim 22, wherein providing predetermined information comprises:

                    associating each information icon with the predetermined information that has been incorporated into at least one information manual;

                    identifying a plurality of portions of the predetermined information  
10    within the information manual with an identifier that corresponds to an associated information icon; and

                    providing the occupant access to the information manual, wherein the occupant can locate a desired portion of the predetermined information that relates to a point of interest identified by the information icon.

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